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bill, after which the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED, That the Council of the American Library Association endorses the educational bill (H. R. 7) introduced into the House of Representatives by the Hon. Horace M. Towner, and urges upon the Congress of the United States the early consideration and adoption of this measure.

Miss Edith Guerrier then being called upon by the chairman, spoke in regard to the National Library Service, briefly summarizing the work that is being accomplished in the furnishing to librarians of information relative to the assistance available to libraries in the publications of the various departments and bureaus of the Federal Government.

Referring to a bill now before Congress providing for the continuation and extension of this service, Miss Guerrier stated that she would keep the Association in-

formed of the progress of this bill in order that librarians may secure for it all possible support.

At the close of Miss Guerrier's remarks the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Whereas, There has been established, and is in active operation in the Bureau of Education, a National Library Service, which has furnished the libraries of the United States with valuable information concerning Government publications and affairs; be it therefore

RESOLVED, That the American Library Association endorses the work of the National Library Service and respectfully requests its continuance in the Bureau of Education; further be it

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Secretary of the Interior and to the Commissioner of Education.

The session was thereupon duly adjourned.

AGRICULTURAL LIBRARIES SECTION

A meeting of the Agricultural Libraries Section of the American Library Association was held in the ball room of the New Monterey Hotel at 3:00 p. m., June 26, 1919. About forty persons were present, including representatives from the agricultural college libraries of Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Massachusetts, Missouri, Montana, New Jersey, North Dakota, Vermont, and West Virginia, and thirteen from the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Miss Vera M. Dixon, assistant librarian, Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa, presided as chairman. In the absence of Miss Lucy E. Fay, the secretary of the section, the chairman requested Miss E. R. Oberly, librarian of the Bureau of Plant Industry, U. S. Department of Agriculture, to act as secretary for the meeting.

The program comprised a paper on practical library service, containing helpful suggestions for those interested in library extension, a stimulating paper on bibliography, and the discussion of a practical plan for a coöperative piece of work of wide usefulness.

Miss Dixon sketched the accomplishments of the Agricultural Libraries Section since its first meeting at Mackinac in

1910, among the most notable of which was the bringing about of the publication of the *Agricultural Index* by the H. W. Wilson Company.

Mr. Milton J. Ferguson, librarian of the California State Library, presented a paper entitled

GETTING BOOKS TO THE FARMER IN CALIFORNIA (See p. 137)

Mr. Ferguson described the county library system, the latest development in the state system, which includes all library activities, municipal, state and others, and which shows the energy, foresight and coöperative spirit, which the State of California exhibits in so many fields.

Miss Marjorie F. Warner, bibliographical assistant, Bureau of Plant Industry, U. S. Department of Agriculture, suggested for consideration

BIBLIOGRAPHICAL OPPORTUNITIES IN HORTICULTURE (See p. 178)

This scholarly paper not only showed a thorough knowledge of the literature of horticulture, but also contained many interesting and stimulating suggestions con-

cerning methods in bibliographical research.

On conclusion of the paper a gentleman proving to be Dr. J. W. Harshberger of the University of Pennsylvania, introduced himself as a stranger attracted to the meeting by its program. He congratulated Miss Warner on her paper, and supplemented it by a brief account of interesting discoveries he had recently made by roundabout methods in seeking information requested by Dr. Sargent of the Arnold Arboretum, in regard to the Pierce brothers and their nurseries near Kennett Square, Pennsylvania, and also alluded to similar methods pursued in regard to William Young, Jr., whose rare "*Catalogue des arbres . . . d'Amérique*" (Paris, 1783), has recently been reproduced in facsimile by Rhoads.

Mr. Charles R. Green, librarian, Massachusetts Agricultural College, presented for discussion the subject of "A union check list of agricultural periodicals."

He dwelt on the desirability of a list which should make more readily available the present periodical resources of the agricultural libraries of the country, encouraging interlibrary loans and lessening the unnecessary purchase of little used material, and suggested the possible scope of the list, warning against yielding to the temptation to plan an over large project which it would not be possible to carry out. Should such a list include only periodicals on agriculture and its practically related subjects, such as horticulture and animal husbandry, or should it include also those on the related sciences, such as bacteriology, chemistry, botany, entomology, etc.? Or would it be best to issue no nation-wide check list, but for agricultural librarians to make an effort to have material of interest to them included in the various regional periodical union check lists which are in preparation or contemplation?

Miss L. K. Wilkins, chief of the periodical division, U. S. Department of Agriculture Library, led the discussion by describing the list of agricultural periodicals of

the U. S. and Canada, compiled as a personal undertaking by Mr. S. C. Stuntz, formerly of the Library of Congress, later of the office of foreign seed and plant introduction of the Bureau of Plant Industry. The list, which is very comprehensive and in manuscript form, was purchased by the library of the U. S. Department of Agriculture after Mr. Stuntz's death in 1918. Miss Wilkins suggested that this list be used as a basis for the proposed union check list of agricultural periodicals, omitting the historical notes, and biographical sketches of editors.

Mr. H. O. Severance, librarian of the University of Missouri, said he would like to have the list cover periodicals on all sciences allied to agriculture, but the general opinion seemed to be that it should cover only those on agriculture and the branches of agriculture such as animal husbandry, dairying and horticulture, not those of sciences of interest to agriculture.

Mr. H. W. Wilson, president of the H. W. Wilson Company, described the methods being employed in making up the union check list of periodicals of the central states, and Dr. C. W. Andrews, librarian of the John Crerar Library, stated that they would waive exclusive use of the slugs and would gladly give those for agricultural periodicals to this section, if an agricultural check list were undertaken.

After further discussion, a motion was made to ascertain whether the section thought it desirable to undertake the preparation of such a list, on the coöperative plan. The motion was carried unanimously. Mr. Severance then moved that the chair appoint a committee of three with power to act, and to decide upon methods of compiling and publishing a union check list of agricultural periodicals in libraries in the United States. It was understood that the committee was to make the final decision as to its scope. The following committee was appointed by the chair: Charles R. Green, chairman, H. O. Severance and Lydia K. Wilkins.

In accordance with the report of the Nominating Committee the following

officers of the section were elected for the coming year: Chairman, Grace E. Derby, assistant librarian Kansas State Agricultural College, Manhattan; secretary, Elizabeth Forrest, librarian College of Agricul-

tural and Mechanic Arts, University of Montana, Bozeman.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

EUNICE R. OBERLY,
Secretary.

CATALOG SECTION—TRUSTEES SECTION

The Catalog Section and Trustees Section met in joint session on Wednesday evening, June 25, Mr. Washington T. Porter, chairman of the Trustees Section, presiding.

The chairman and secretary of the Catalog Section being absent, Dr. George F. Bowerman and Miss Mary E. Baker represented that section in their stead.

The following communication from William Stetson Merrill, of the Newberry Library, was read:

To the Catalog Section of the American Library Association,

Asbury Park Conference:

When the plan was proposed of transferring to the H. W. Wilson Company the work of printing entries for serials formerly indexed on cards by the A. L. A. Publishing Board, some subscribers raised the point that users of the library expect to find everything brought out in the card catalog, and to divert any of these entries to a printed index would cause many users of the catalog to miss them altogether.

The obvious suggestion to meet this difficulty would seem to be, instead of spending money and labor in attempting to bring out all the literature in the library in one place, namely, the card catalog, to insert a printed notice in each tray of the catalog calling attention to the fact that much literature written by or about different authors, and valuable material upon nearly every subject, is to be found only by consulting printed indexes to periodicals.

I would like to ask for a show of hands upon the following two questions and to have the result recorded:

1. How many libraries represented here have such a notice inserted in or near the card catalog?

2. How many librarians and library workers here present believe it more practicable to insert cards in the catalog, even at a considerable expense and labor, than to attempt to guide users to other sources of information?

Respectfully submitted,

WM. STETSON MERRILL,

Editor Indexing of A. L. A. Serials.

To the first query of the foregoing com-

munication one affirmative response was received; and to the second, nine responded affirmatively.

The following officers of the Catalog Section were elected for the coming year: Chairman, Charles A. Flag, librarian Public Library, Bangor, Maine; secretary, Mary E. Hyde, instructor Library School of the New York Public Library.

Chairman Porter stated that consideration would be given to the report of the Committee on Administration (see p. 63 of *Bulletin*) as being of interest to both sections, and on request Dr. George F. Bowerman, chairman, read portions of the report of his committee.

Chairman Porter announced that the program of the evening would consider two general subjects, namely, the future attitude of libraries regarding literature designated during the war period as German propaganda; and the matter of union membership among library employees.

In the absence of Mr. Clinton Rogers Woodruff, the first speaker on the regular program, the chairman called upon Mr. Thomas L. Montgomery, librarian of the Pennsylvania State Library, and a trustee of the Philadelphia Free Library.

Mr. Montgomery spoke as follows:

There is something refreshingly democratic about an association such as the Trustees Section of the A. L. A. Its membership consists of two people, Mr. Porter and myself, and the membership list seems to have closed, although in addition we have as a runner-up Dr. Bostwick, of St. Louis, who is always willing to say what he thinks about trustees. When other trustees are asked to come together and discuss matters in which they should be interested, the lack of response seems almost unanimous.

I think it would be well to explain the mode of procedure of this section. About the 1st of March Mr. Porter gets busy and writes a letter in which he says, "Dr. Montgomery, do not forget that there is to be a meeting of the Trustees Section at